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For: LIQUID CHARGING METHOD, LIQUID CONTAINER, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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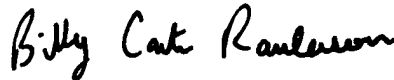
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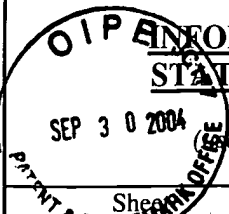
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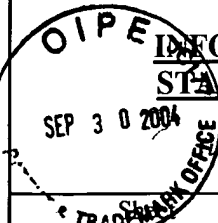
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